

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph 1 as follows:

[0001] This application relates to U.S. Patent No. 6,748,287 ~~Application Serial No. xx/xxxxxx~~,  
“An Adaptive Real-time Work-in-progress Tracking, Prediction, and Optimization System for a  
Semiconductor Supply Chain,” by Klaus ten Hagen and Michael E. Orshansky, filed on July 23,  
2001 ~~even date herewith~~, which subject matter is incorporated herein by reference.

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